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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	)	Confirmation No.: 3089
JIMENEZ, J.H., et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3774
Serial No.: 10/561,900	)	Examiner: MATTHEWS, W.H.
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Title: ANNULOPLASTY CHAIN	)	Mily. Docket No.: OTKC133
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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents MAIL STOP AMENDMENT P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Dear Honorable Sir:

In response to the 24 February 2010 Office Action from Primary Examiner William Matthews of Art Unit 3774 Applicant submits this Response. Applicants petition for a 3 month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. Applicant asserts that the Application is in condition for allowance and respectfully solicits early and favorable consideration. The Application is believed allowable for the following reasons.